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EP 0 358 279 discloses that in a domestic dish-washing machine, a closed drying system is used, in which the air from the washing container is circulated via a drying device, which can be regenerated by heating up, and from said drying device back into the washing container. The drying device is assigned to the heater for the rinsing water, preferably a flow heater, arranged outside the washing container.

DE 2 016 831 discloses a dishwasher having a washing container (2) whose interior is communicated via a closeable opening (8) with a container (7). The container (7) retains a drying means operable to retain moisture and to release retained moisture upon heating.

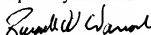
DE 36 26 887 discloses that dehumidifiers in domestic equipment serve to dehumidify an airstream enriched with moisture. The novel dehumidifier makes possible the dehumidification of the process air with simultaneous heat recovery and thus offers a particularly energy-efficient mode of operation. In a laundry drier, heated air is conducted via the fan (2) and the heating apparatus (3) and thus removes the moisture from the laundry. The

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desiccant container (4) is connected in-between in the air conduction system, so that moisture-laden air is passed into the container and so that the desiccant (5) adsorbs the moisture of the process air. Desiccants which are used are preferably bead-shaped adsorptive zeolite-based desiccants. The dehumidifier is particularly suitable for use in laundry driers, a more favourable efficiency being achieved by the heat recovery potential.

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